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Raton Basin Water and Water Quality

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Ms. Mulsoff,

Let me introduce myself as Bobby Hill as a ranch owner of property in Las Animas County Colorado.

I am writing to request your input as to how we might maintain surface discharge of produced water by XTO on the Hill ranch lease.

This water has been extremely valuable to the ranch over the last 10-15 years. The enhancements to the ranch have included both wildlife and an increase in vegetation in the canyon bottoms.

As a conservation minded landowner we are deeply hopeful that you might work with us in some way to preserve the wonderful resource of produced water being discharge on the surface.

We remember what this ranch was like when we purchased it over 25 years ago with very limited water. The contrast with what we see it being today and what it was then is very dramatic. I hope there is some way that we might be able to work together to ensure water quality and yet preserve the positive impacts of discharged water.

We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with the officials in Denver who will make decisions on the permits for XTO & Pioneer to discharge produced water from their coalbed methane wells in Las Animas County. We would like to share with you about our economic conditions, water shortages and value of the produced water for our businesses and communities. Would it be possible to schedule a public meeting in Trinidad on the proposed permits for XTO and Pioneer discharges?

Thank you for your consideration. We hope to hear from you.

Best Regards,

Bobby Hill

B. F. Hill, Managing Partner

